

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, claims 7-12 being newly added herein. Claims 1 and 7 are the only independent claims.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,223,769 to Bragg et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and requests reconsideration of claims 1-6 in view of the following remarks.

As set forth in claim 1, a flow control valve for cylinders of liquefied gases includes a movable actuation member, the actuation of which blocks the passage for the fluid from the cylinder toward the user device or clears the passage. The valve further comprises a pressure sensing means accommodated inside the actuation member.

While Bragg et al. disclose a flow control valve with an actuation member (19) and a gas pressure sensor or indicator (22), the sensor is not accommodated inside the actuation member, as set forth in claim 1. Applicant's sensor, in being located inside the actuation member, is protected from possible knocks and blows. This is not the case with the sensor of Bragg et al.

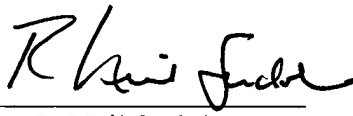
New independent claim 7 distinguishes over Bragg et al. for the same reason: Bragg et al. neither discloses nor suggests a valve for cylinders of liquefied gases, wherein a pressure sensor is disposed inside a movable actuation member movably mounted to a valve body.

For the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1 and 7, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are deemed to be in condition for allowance. An early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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